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SUBJECT: MORE BAD PRESS FOR LIBYA

1. CAIRO PRESS TOOK ON LIBYANS AGAIN APRIL 29, HEAVIEST
PLAY GIVEN TO REPORT OF OCCUPATION OF LIBYAN EMBASSY IN
LONDON BY LIBYAN STUDENTS DENOUNCING QADHAFI'S DESPOTIC
REGIME AND KILLING OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

2. MORE INTERESTING, HOWEVER, WAS STORY ON ABORTIVE
TUNISIAN-LIBYAN PROPAGANDA TRUCE. ACCORDING REPORTS
HERE, AGREEMENT ON TRUCE WAS ARRIVED AT THROUGH
MEDIATION EFFORT OF MAUTITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH WHICH
BEGAN AT DAKAR AFRO-ARAB CONFERENCE. ACCOUNTS SAY
CEASE-FIRE WAS BROKEN BY LIBYANS TWO HOURS AFTER IT
WENT INTO EFFECT AND REPORT JALLUD'S CLAIM THAT, WHAT
THE HELL, THE TUNISIANS HAD MADE THE REQUEST IN THE
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FIRST PLACE.

3. TUNISIAN VERSION, ALSO REPORTED, IS THAT LIBYA INITIATED REQUEST FOR MUTUAL HALT OF PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN. TUNISIANS CLAIM THEY LEARNED AT DAKAR THAT QADHAFI HAD ASKED OULD DADDAH TO MEDIATE TRUCE, THAT TUNISIANS SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT END OF TUNIS TRIAL OF LIBYAN TERRORISTS AND THAT THEY THEREFORE ASKED OULD DADDAH FRATERNALLY TO POSTPONE HIS SCHEDULED VISIT UNTIL TRIAL OVER.

4. COMMENT: TUNISIAN VERSION, AS REPORTED, SOUNDS MORE BELIEVABLE TO US. IN ANY CASE, ALTHOUGH PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THIS INCIDENT TREATED WITH RELATIVE DISPASSION BY PRESS, LIBYAN PERFIDY ONCE AGAIN CLEARLY MEANT TO OCCUPY ALL POSSIBLE SPACE BETWEEN THE LINES.
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